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BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C. 20002

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to Mr. Malley's telephonic discussion with you on March 20, 1964, and his personal conversation with you on March 23, 1964, concerning your letter of March 18, 1964, which requested certain investigation regarding Robert Ahler, Lee Harris, and Dudley Lee Ferrell in order to help resolve positive identifications of Oswald in improbable places.

It is noted that Mrs. Estelle Jackson, who brought Robert Ahler's name to our attention, stated that Ahler in no way resembles Lee Harvey Oswald, and she furnished no information indicating that Ahler had any knowledge of Oswald, Jack L. Ruby, or the assassination of President Kennedy. The interview with Mrs. Jackson appears on pages 45 and 46 of the report of Special Agent Manning C. Clements made at Dallas, Texas, dated December 31, 1963, in the case entitled "Jack L. Ruby; Lee Harvey Oswald - Victim, Civil Rights." The same interview is also recorded in an identical manner on pages 257 and 258 of the report of Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling made at Dallas, Texas, dated December 23, 1963, in the case entitled "Lee Harvey Oswald, Internal Security - R - Cuba."

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Miss Estella Garza, who furnished information that Lee Harris resembled Oswald, stated that she saw and talked to Harris on November 29, 1963, and he therefore could not be identical to Oswald. She furnished no information indicating that Harris had any knowledge concerning Oswald, Ruby, or the assassination of President Kennedy. The interview with Miss Garza appears on pages 36 and 37 of the report of Special Agent John M. Kemmy made at San Antonio, Texas, dated December 4, 1963, in the case entitled "Lee Harvey Oswald, Internal Security - R."

With regard to Dudley Lee Ferrell, it is noted that it was alleged Oswald had been seen at the Bock Ford Motor Company, New Braunfels, Texas, on November 14, 1963. The company's records indicated that this individual was D. L. Ferrell, Dallas, Texas. Upon interview, Dudley Lee Ferrell, a supervisory employee of the Dallas Post Office, advised that he had been at the Bock Ford Motor Company on November 14, 1963. Information concerning this matter including the interview with Mr. Ferrell appears on pages 543 through 545 of the report of Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling made at Dallas, Texas, dated December 10, 1963, in the case entitled "Lee Harvey Oswald, Internal Security - R."

In accordance with your discussion with Mr. Malley on March 23, 1964, no investigation will be conducted regarding the above items unless an additional request is received from the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Hair:	Light brown
Eyes:	Brown, wore metal frame glasses, weak prescription.
Complexion:	Medium
Dress:	White T-shirt and slacks
Jewelry:	Gold wrist watch, left arm
Characteristics:	Had average man's voice, wore thin mustache. Stated played guitar and was song writer.

Miss GARZA was requested to immediately advise the FBI should she see or hear from this individual again.

About three hours later in the day Miss GARZA telephonically advised that LEE HARRIS had just entered Texas Optical to talk to her. She stated the resemblance between HARRIS and photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD was quite close.